GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SEA WATER FOR IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to make sea water usable for irrigation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Bulk quantities of water is required for irrigation purposes and the cost of desalination per unit of water is quite high. As such, the cost for desalination of sea water for irrigation purposes will be very high which is economically not viable. However, option of desalination of sea water for drinking purposes has been utilized in special cases.